

**GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
ADVISORY TASK FORCE
13TH MEETING
SUMMARY
Friday, December 13, 2002**

Prepared by:

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Office of Conservation

Ground Water Management Staff

Call To Order

Advisory Task Force members in attendance:

Karen Gautreaux, Governor's Office

Jess Barr, Cotton Producer's Association

Herschel L. Bourque, Louisiana Ground Water Association

Bill Branch, LSU Agricultural Center

The Honorable N. J. Damico, House Committee on the Environment

Representative William Daniel, Representing the Speaker of the House

Dr. Rene` De Hon, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Geology Department

Charles R. Demas, USGS, Water Resources Division

Timothy W. Duex, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Department of Geology

Henry T. Graham, Jr., Louisiana Chemical Association

George Guidry, Governor's Task Force on Environmental Protection & Preservation

Bradford Hanson, Louisiana Geological Survey

Senator Fred Hoyt, Representing the President of the Senate

Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation

Paul "Jackie" Loewer, Louisiana Rice Growers Association

R. Michael Lyons, Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

Kyle McCann, Louisiana Farm Bureau

Olevia McDonald, Sparta Ground Water Conservation District

Jeffrey A. Nunn, L.S.U. Department of Geology

Edmond J. Preau, Red River Compact Commission

Linda Curtis Sparks, Sabine River Authority

Bradley E. Spicer, Soil and Water Conservation

Charles W. Stahr, Louisiana Pulp and Paper Association

C. A. “Buck” Vandersteen, Louisiana Forestry Association

Linda M. Walker, League of Women Voters

Michael W. Wascom, Citizens for a Clean Environment

Update on Staff Activities

The Office of Conservation continues to receive Water Well Information Sheets. A total was not available for this meeting.

The usual items have been posted on the web site including meeting agendas, summaries and transcripts. The comment period for the Sparta Hearing is open until December 19, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. The audio of the hearing is available on the Ground Water Management Commission webpage.

During the last week, the staff spent a most of their time preparing the *Statewide Water Management Program – A Plan for Implementation*.

Advisory Task Force Committee Reports

The Agriculture, Industrial and Technical Committees recommended several revisions to the *Statewide Water Management Program – A Plan for Implementation*.

The Agriculture Committee voiced concerns and recommendations to include:

- 1) a more detailed structural model referencing the C.H. Fenstermaker report Type II model,
- 2) omit B, eliminate General Permits and to increase the individual permit to 100,000 gallons,
- 3) and correlative rights need to be more specific.

The Industrial Committee would not endorse the plan as written and recommended the following:

- 1) prefer to omit permitting and recommended only registration of wells,
- 2) use existing staff,
- 3) reflect the contractor’s Preference Feasibility Analysis in the plan,
- 4) incentive area is important to the industrial users,
- 5) and strongly recommended not rushing the plan as written.

The Technical Committee recommended revisions to Chapter 11 of the C. H. Fenstermaker report.

Discussion of C. H. Fenstermaker Final Part II

There were several questions from the Advisory Task Force members regarding the specifics on “stressed areas.” The contractor, C. H. Fenstermaker and Associates and the staff were complimented on their work within such a short time frame. Chapter 11 was discussed at length and revisions were recommended. Semi-annual and annual monitoring of wells needs to be added. Another recommendation was to include links to current databases rather than creating and one huge database.

Old Business

There was further discussion of the *Statewide Water Management Program – A Plan for Implementation*. Revisions were made to the Executive Summary and there was discussion of the *Mineral Code*. The Advisory Task Force members also discussed the regions and districts identified in the plan.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Question and Comment

There were neither questions nor comments.

Schedule of Meeting

The Advisory Task Force will meet on Friday, January 10, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. in the Griffon Room of the LaSalle Building.

Adjourn

The adjourned at 11:45 a.m.